

## THE PACIFIC

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## CONGRESS AND HAWAII.

During the holiday recess, Congress put aside the Hawaiian affairs. Before adjournment, however, the sub-committees on the organic law, appear to have attacked the theory of the commission, regarding the qualification of voters in this territory.

As we have said before, if the Republican party adheres to its traditions and practice, it will not place any qualifications upon the electors, the Representatives, or the Senators in the Territory. It gave, over thirty years ago, the right of suffrage to the most ignorant negro, and until a few years ago, tried to protect that right by various devices, the last of which was the Force bill.

No doubt a large number of the most influential Republicans are convinced that it was an error to give the utterly illiterate negro the ballot. But it is by no means certain that the majority of the Republican party holds the same opinion. If the majority still adheres to the territorial policy, the organic law will contain no property qualification.

But it is inevitable that the regulation of the status of the conquered territories will more or less affect the Hawaiian question, and may finally lead to some modifications of opinion on the subject. But the racial instinct or political habit in favor of universal suffrage is still strong, and it may establish that form of suffrage here, while it may refuse it elsewhere in the conquered lands.

While some of the strongest of the Republican leaders may favor the theory of universal suffrage here, they will offset any possible evil results from it, by strengthening the Executive power. This is substantially the English idea of governing territories. Congress may see its way to granting an unqualified elective franchise, but it will not hesitate to refuse the right of self rule, so far as the Executive is concerned. Those who are firm believers in the free ballot may indignantly say, "are we not fitted to elect our own Executive?" Congress simply replies: "Whether you are or are not, you shall not."

With the real power substantially held in Washington, Congress may feel disposed to allow the free play of universal suffrage here as it has done in other territories.

## ARMY SINGING.

Recognizing the good results that accrue from soldiers singing when on the march, the British Minister of War has just ordered, says the London Post, 5,000 books of patriotic and military songs as an experiment. These will be distributed to the men in infantry regiments, and classes for singing will be instituted in the barracks. A similar experiment made in France by General Poitloue of St. Mars, has been attended with marked success, the number of stragglers on the march being reduced by 70 per cent., owing to the singing.

The commander of a negro regiment during the civil war was extremely successful in keeping his troops together on a long march, by the use of the negro songs. It reduced the number of stragglers, and roused the spirits of the men. One of the most inspiring of these songs closed with the refrain:

"For we are men of war,  
For we are men of war."

While a brigade of negro regulars under this commander, were waiting the order for a charge in front of the strong earthen works at Petersburg, Virginia, the commander ordered them to sing during the suspense. The song of "For we are men of war," was taken up along the line. The order to advance was finally given. About fifty per cent. of the men were killed or wounded within twenty minutes of the moment forward step was taken, and even before the song was ended many had fallen.

It is not generally known that the verses, beginning, "Guide me, Oh, thou Great Jehovah, are sung to the music of Roncevalle's ballad, which was an ancient war song. It is not difficult to conceive of the stiffening effect of such stately music upon men who are about to face death.

## OHIO LEPROS.

The health authorities of New Lexington, Ohio, have discovered, it is claimed, several cases of leprosy. One of the Ohio papers suggests that they should be removed to Molokai. It will not be done. Congress will not, under any circumstance permit it to be done. Its power to do so, under the Federal constitution is doubtful. Aside from the question of this power, there will be no attempt made to place in one

community the sick and the diseased of all other communities. The remarkably thorough and faithful work of our Board of Health during the last five years, will relieve us from being the victims of any sudden popular craze on the subject.

## THE REGULARS.

One of our evening contemporaries made the usual accusation against the Advertiser of a want of patriotism, because this paper denied that there were openings for an honorable career for young men in the regular army.

The San Francisco Chronicle reviews this subject, and presents several interesting facts. It says that even at the present moment, the small regular army, authorized to enlist up to 62,000 is short of that number by 15,000 to 20,000 men. The Chronicle accounts for this failure to obtain the number required, by stating that instead of taking the officers from the enlisted men of the regular service, 541 civilians were gazetted as lieutenants. These appointments acted, it says "To serve notice on every recruit, that although he might risk his life for his country, he could not hope to rise above the chevrons; that the reward of shoulder straps were not for him, but for the rank outsider."

It is a singular fact that although the little war with Spain has abundantly demonstrated the capacity of the regulars to take care of themselves in the camp, and to feed and keep themselves free from disease, there have not appeared since the day the Spanish war was opened, enough men to complete the standing army, small as it is comparatively.

The young men have been quick to see that war is not a tourist excursion, and that it involves irksome subordination, hardships, sickness and suffering. They have also found out that war is a terrible business, and that only those should first enlist who can do so with the least interference with social and family life. Senator Foraker, safe away from the seat of war, said "war ennobled." Ask the Manila boys whether it does or does not. War is butchery, and if the nation must butcher in the interests of humanity, let it cast lots for those who shall butcher, or hire those who are willing to learn the trade.

## THE PASSING HOUR.

Dynamite is the horror of the European powers, but all of them are bidding high for an American dynamite gun.

If Hayne still retains his old sense of humor he will chuckle to himself that his conscience is getting its first inning.

As the insurgents saw the Americans do some fighting in and about Manila, they cannot, in time, place the claim that they "didn't know it was loaded."

There must have been a school in diplomacy in secret session amongst the Filipinos long before day before yesterday. Their men sent to Washington speak well.

A Captain of the U. S. N. does not want to accept the post of Governor of Guam. Here it is again shown that correct political training is not provided at Annapolis.

Senator Frye is not the only Republican leader who will deem it necessary to explain at length that the open door policy in the Philippines is consistent with tradition.

Japan wants to be in a "state of preparedness." She cannot hear the peaceful voice of the Czar, neither is she deterred by financial consideration from adding to her excellent navy.

Col. "Jim" Smith, First California Volunteers, is to be made a brevet brigadier general. If the accounts from

Manila of the operations of the First are half truth, Col. Smith is getting less than half the recognition he has earned.

The British Consular Agent in the Transvaal refuses to send to the Queen's Government the protest of the Uitlanders against "the intolerable state of affairs." The Consular Agent flatly says that the local Government is attending to the grievances. How the jingoes will yell.

Excuses have been duly forwarded from Washington to San Francisco in the matter of shipping men and supplies for Manila from the Eastern seaboard. It is pointed out that this is done entirely for the purpose of getting the needed ships into the Pacific and that otherwise San Francisco shall have all the trade it believes it owns.

A long cable has the heading that the Sirdar is supreme in the Sudan. This was understood some time ago. But the message is worth reading. It sets out that the natives are informed in plain language that the Sirdar, under the British and Egyptian flags, is virtually absolute monarch of the Nile region. The natives are permitted to retain their clothing and their religion.

## Drink PURE WATER.

If the advice given in those three words is heeded, good health will follow. City water is not good for many reasons, principally, because it is contaminated with vegetable and putrid matter of all descriptions. A simple analysis shows this to be a fact.

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### TIMELY TOPICS

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